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Larger Magazine Planned

BEGINNING with the September issue, *The National Parent-Teacher* will be the name of the official publication of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, heretofore called "*Child Welfare*, the National Parent-Teacher Magazine." The change in name is being made to keep step with changes which have taken place in the organization since the name "*Child Welfare Magazine*" was adopted, in 1909.

In addition to the new name, a larger and improved magazine is being planned. The size will be increased to 8½ by 11½ inches. The yearly subscription price of $1 will remain the same, but the price of single copies will be 15 cents instead of 10 cents.

Convention Postscripts

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, in a congratulatory message to the National Convention in Des Moines, May 13-19, wrote: "I have many reasons for hoping that this will be the most successful Congress ever held in the history of your organization." This sentiment was echoed by every one connected with the Convention, and, although its success must be measured in terms of action in the future, it is not too soon to say that it *was* a successful Convention from many points of view.

Announcement of a gain of more than 219,000 members this year, making a total of 1,463,854 members, introduced a general feeling of cheerfulness, which prevailed throughout the Convention.

Among the prominent speakers were Mrs. Harold L. Ickes, Dr. J. W. Studebaker, Jerome Frank, Dr. John S. Nollen, and Dr. Charles Gilkey.

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New Officers and National Board Members

MRS. B. F. LANGWORTHY was elected President of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, for a three-year term, at the Convention in Des Moines, May 13-19. Other national officers were elected as follows:

First Vicepresident, Mrs. J. K. Pettengill, Lansing, Michigan

Second Vicepresident, Mrs. Hamilton Shaffer, Dayton, Ohio

Third Vicepresident, and Director, Extension Department, Mrs. Noyes Darling Smith, Austin, Texas

Fourth Vicepresident, and Director, Public Welfare Department, Mrs. A. B. Shuttleworth, Denver, Colorado

Fifth Vicepresident, and Director, Education Department, Dr. A. F. Harman, Montgomery, Alabama

Sixth Vicepresident, and Director, Home Service Department, Mrs. C. H. Thorpe, Little Rock, Arkansas

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Parent-Teacher Section at N. E. A.

THE Parent-Teacher section of the National Education Association convention in Washington, D. C., June 30-July 6, will be devoted to a panel discussion on "Home Study," under the auspices of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. Mrs. B. L. Langworthy, President of the National Congress, will preside. The meeting, which will be held Thursday afternoon, July 5, at 2 p.m., is open to the public.

The following persons have accepted invitations to participate: Mr. Frederick Redefer, Executive Secretary, Progressive Education Association; Dr. William A. White, Superintendent, St. Elizabeth's Hospital; Mr. Charles Pye, Executive Secretary, Iowa State Teachers Association; Mrs. A. H. Reeve, Vicepresident, International Federation of Home and School, and Chairman of International Relations, National Congress; Miss Faye Read, President, Classroom Teachers; Mrs. Henry Grattan Doyle, Vicepresident, D. C. Board of Education; Mrs. Joseph N. Saunders, former President D. C. Congress of Parents and Teachers; W. Elwood Baker, General Secretary, National Congress.

At Chautauqua

AS we go to press, we learn that Mrs. Langworthy is scheduled to speak at Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, New York, on Parent-Teacher Day in August. She will be introduced by Dr. Arthur E. Bestor, President of Chautauqua. The date will be announced in the July Parent-Teacher News release or as soon as it is decided. For further information, write to Anne B. Conshance, 180 Lovering Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

National Congress Bulletin

The *National Congress Bulletin* is published monthly by the National Congress of Parents and Teachers for the information of parent-teacher leaders. Its purpose is to supply news and current information about activities of the National Congress—its officers, Board of Managers, committees, and state branches—and, to establish a closer contact between state board members and the National Congress.

Scope

Its scope does not include articles on parent-teacher work or parent education, such as are published in *Child Welfare*, the National Parent-Teacher Magazine.

Distribution

Distribution of the *National Congress Bulletin* is limited at present to national and state board members. Each state board member should arrange with the state president to receive the *Bulletin* as soon as it is published, preferably direct from the National Office.

Cost

Payment of 20 cents per member annually to cover mailing costs entitles each state board member to receive the *Bulletin* by direct mailing from the publishers.

In some states the state board or state president remits a lump sum to the National Office to have the *Bulletin* mailed direct or each board member pays his 20 cents to the state Congress to insure receiving the *Bulletin* each month without delay.

Inquire of your state president as to the procedure followed in your state for distributing the *Bulletin*.

Conventions

American Library Association,
June 25-30,
Montreal, Canada

*National Education Association,
June 30-July 6,
Washington, D. C.

*National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers,
July 29-August 1,
Baltimore, Maryland

*American Home Economics Association,
June 25-30,
New York City

*American Federation of Organizations for the Hard of Hearing,
June 25-28,
Washington, D. C.

*The National Congress of Parents and Teachers will have exhibits at these conventions.

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A limited number of sets of the *National Convention News* are available from the National Office, price 10 cents for the set of 5 issues.

New Officers

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Seventh Vicepresident, and Director, Health Department, Mrs. M. P. Summers, Sioux City, Iowa

Secretary, Mrs. Raymond Binford, Guilford College, North Carolina

Treasurer, Mrs. Simon S. Lapham, Providence, Rhode Island

New State Presidents

Ariz.—Miss C. Louise Boehringer, Phoenix
Calif.—Mrs. C. H. Turner, Redondo Beach
Colo.—Mrs. H. C. Bradley, Fort Collins
Dela.—Mrs. Robert P. Robinson, Wilmington
D. C.—Mrs. L. B. Castell, Washington
Fla.—Mrs. W. Sumner Covey, Daytona Beach
Ga.—Mrs. Charles D. Center, College Park.
Ill.—Mrs. Arthur R. Williams, Normal
Kan.—Mrs. Louis R. Fulton, Wichita
N. H.—Mrs. Robert F. Crosby, Derry
N. C.—Mrs. W. B. Aycock, Raleigh
R. I.—Mrs. G. L. Church, Jr., Saylesville
S. C.—Mrs. Bachman Smith, Charleston
Wash.—Mrs. Neil Haig, Seattle

New Committee Chairmen*

Exceptional Child — Mrs. Wm. J. Hayes, Burlingame, California
School Education — Miss Charl O. Williams, Washington, D. C.
Study of the Use and Effects of Alcohol and Narcotics—Mr. Howard B. Funk, Bronxville, New York
Mental Hygiene—Dr. Frances Gaw, Seattle, Washington
Budget—Mrs. Hugh Bradford, Sacramento, Calif.
Child Welfare Magazine—Mrs. M. D. Wilkinson, Tacoma, Washington
Congress Publications—Mrs. Frederick M. Hosmer, Auburn, N. Y.

*(See June-July *Child Welfare Magazine* for complete list of continuing and new chairmen.)

The Child Hygiene Conference

The Child Hygiene Conference recommended to the Board:

1. That study groups be developed for the consideration of all phases of child health, so that there may be a broader health program.
2. That May Day and Child Health Week be used by child health chairmen as a time for consideration of community health activities.

Highschool Study

A report of the Study on Highschool Parent-Teacher Associations, now being made by the U. S. Office of Education, was presented to the Board by Miss Ellen C. Lombard, Home Education Chairman.

Fall Line-Up Congress Publications

Each local Congress unit receives free from the state branch the following material:

Parent-Teacher Manual. Paperbound. 30c, 6 for $1.50, 25 for $5.

Arranged in three parts: Part I—The Handbook; Part II—Program Making and Projects; Part III—Organization and Information Material. A practical guide for local, council, district, and state leaders.

A new service gives to each local unit—
A copy of the *Manual* for the President
Reprints from the *Manual* for the officers—Vicepresident, Secretary, Treasurer
Reprints from the *Manual* for Chairman of Membership, Program, Publicity, Hospitality, Finance and Budget, Publications, Founders Day, Parent Education
Reprint on Parent-Teacher Leadership
Instructions and suggestions for ordering. Among reprints for selection in ordering are committee activities and projects (23); Parliamentary Procedure, How to Organize (including suggested Local Bylaws), Room Representatives.

Leaflets

Among the *new* leaflets are included:

Buff 3x6

Character Education
Exceptional Child
Juvenile Protection
Radio
Recreation
Social Hygiene

Blue 6x9 (not included in *Manual* reprints)

Bylaws
Resolutions
General Information
Parent Education

For the Loan Service Bookshelf

Proceedings of the Des Moines Convention.
Clothbound, $3. Paperbound, $2.50

Theme: "The Future of the Forgotten Child." Panel discussions, informal conferences, addresses develop the theme. Current information on what the states are accomplishing in the parent-teacher field.

Our Public Schools
Bound in flexible gold fabcoat, 50c

An entertaining story of the public schools—how they are organized, supported, and administered, and their place in the new social order. Written by nationally known men and women.

Parent Education Fourth Yearbook
Clothbound, $1.

Written for parent education study groups and for individual reading. Problems of the modern child, problems of early childhood, the adolescent in the modern world, and books for parents and children with questions for discussion and attractive illustrations make up this latest book on parent education.

Dr. Lon W. Morrey, American Dental Association, was appointed to the Advisory Committee on the Summer Round-Up.

State News

Georgia

Dr. Gordon G. Singleton, Statistician of the State Department of Education, has compiled for the Georgia Congress a statistical summary of all the reports of its local units. This summary has been published in a two-page newspaper size publication entitled "Annual Survey—Georgia Congress of Parents and Teachers, 1934." Georgia's was the first state report received in the National Office for the Annual Summary of Parent-Teacher Information.

Colorado

Colorado reports that in 1933-34, 17 counties held schools of instruction, with a total attendance of 1,657. Two hundred and fifty-seven schools were represented at these conferences.

District of Columbia

The D. C. Congress has recently concluded a six-weeks' course of instruction for officers and members. One hour each week was spent on various phases of parent-teacher work, including program making, publicity, parliamentary law, and membership. The second hour was devoted to parent education.

Maryland

The Second Annual Parent-Teacher Conference at the University of Maryland, College Park, will be held July 23-27, under the auspices of the Maryland Congress. Delegates will be housed in the college dormitories. Mrs. Arthur C. Watkins, Education Secretary, will represent the National Congress.

Tennessee

A bulletin of work being done in connection with the Tennessee Valley development, recently received, says that the sixth district of the Tennessee Congress of Parents and Teachers is cooperating with the T.V.A. in its program for community betterment. The theme of the annual conference this year was "Building Better Communities for Our Children."

Local Unit Reports

July first is the final date for state summaries of local unit information to be in the National Office.

N.E.A. Appreciation

A letter from J. W. Crabtree, Secretary of the National Education Association, expressing appreciation of the teaching profession for the work of the N.C.P.T. to save the schools in the present emergency, was read to the National Board by the Secretary.

Announcements

The U. S. Office of Education has inaugurated a weekly radio service over the National Broadcasting Company hook-up. This service, "Education in the News," is designed to familiarize citizens from week to week with the most important events in education. The programs are broadcast each Wednesday at 4 p.m., E.S.T.

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Highschool Associations

"Digest of Information for Highschool Associations" is a new mimeographed publication giving 21 pages of information about what is actually being said and done in highschool associations in different parts of the country. Published, May 1934; price 10 cents a copy; quantity prices on request from the National Office.

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The May-June issue of the *National Congress Bulletin* will be followed by the July-August number about August 15.

Convention Postscripts

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Mrs. Anna Steese Richardson, of the *Woman's Home Companion*, remarked on the spirit of service, which, she said, was reflected in the faces of the delegates. "These women and men have a mission in life," she observed, "and it shines in their faces."

Throughout the week, discussion centered around the theme "The Future of the Forgotten Child," and on the last day of the Convention, a committee appointed by the National President brought to the closing session a summary of practical suggestions, gleaned from conferences, classes, and general sessions, on "What the P.T.A. Can Do to Improve the Future of the Forgotten Child." This summary with Convention addresses, and reports, will be published in the 1934 *Proceedings*. A resume of the Convention is given in the June-July issue of *Child Welfare*, the National Parent-Teacher Magazine.

National Congress Membership

As of April 15, 1934

Delinquent dues for 74,926 members received during the past year, too late to be included in this statement, would bring the total membership of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers to 1,538,780. The following states and Alaska now have the largest membership in their history: Ariz., Calif., Conn., Fla., Ind., Ky., La., N. Y., N. C., Ohio, Okla., Ore., Penn., S. C., Tex., Utah, Va., and W. Va.

STATE	Active Membership
TOTAL for U. S.	1,463,854
*Alabama	20,905
*Alaska	773
*Arizona	6,922
*Arkansas	23,944
*California	185,029
*Colorado	42,305
*Connecticut	17,548
*Delaware	4,849
*District of Columbia	9,930
*Florida	27,014
*Georgia	34,303
Hawaii	6,337
*Idaho	5,238
*Illinois	90,269
*Indiana	41,383
*Iowa	36,259
*Kansas	28,682
*Kentucky	23,265
*Louisiana	16,157
*Maine	4,859
Maryland	5,322
*Massachusetts	18,363
*Michigan	47,430
*Minnesota	36,030
*Mississippi	9,710
*Missouri	53,632
*Montana	6,218
*Nebraska	21,128
New Hampshire	2,203
*New Jersey	68,619
*New Mexico	2,705
*New York	81,510
*North Carolina	31,358
*North Dakota	10,377
*Ohio	97,956
*Oklahoma	16,915
*Oregon	19,082
*Pennsylvania	78,356
*Rhode Island	11,333
*South Carolina	7,329
*South Dakota	9,934
*Tennessee	29,611
*Texas	81,408
*Utah	3,148
*Vermont	9,100
*Virginia	9,046
*Washington	31,163
*West Virginia	19,194
Wisconsin	16,382
*Wyoming	3,089

*Indicates States that have gained in membership over last year.

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Mrs. Simon Lapham, Treasurer, was appointed a Trustee of the Endowment Fund, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mrs. B. I. Elliott.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IN RETROSPECT

Executive Committee and National Board Rulings of Interest to State Board Members

Delegates at Des Moines — A total of 906 delegates registered for the 1934 National Convention. (Voting delegates, 423; visiting delegates, 483.) A total of 77 National Board members, including 44 state presidents, were present. Every state branch, except Hawaii, was represented. Full quotas of delegates were attained by Nebraska, South Dakota, and Iowa. Sixty-three absentee registrations were received from members unable to attend the Convention, and 3 late registrations were received.

1935 Convention City — Miami, Florida, was chosen for the 1935 National Convention City, with the Miami-Biltmore Hotel as headquarters. Invitations were also extended by Boston and Omaha.

September Board — From invitations submitted by five cities, Niagara Falls, New York, was selected as the place for the meeting of the National Board of Managers, the week of September 24. Other cities extending invitations were Albuquerque, New Mexico; Rapid City, South Dakota; Omaha, Nebraska, and Rhode Island.

National Bylaws Revisions — National Bylaws revisions provide that national officers and committee chairmen shall hold office for three years, instead of two; no officer, except the treasurer, shall be eligible for two terms in the same office.

The office of historian was abolished.

Goals for P.T.A.'s — Much discussion at Board meetings during the Convention centered around the question of abolishing the requirements for Standard and Superior Associations, these to be replaced by Goals for Parent-Teacher Associations. After discussion, it was voted to recommit the report to the Goals Committee for "further work, looking forward to more definite suggestions, with the various points more clarified, the committee to report at the September Board meeting."

Radio Programs — Mr. B. H. Darrow, Dr. Ada Hart Arlitt, and others are working on plans for a series of national radio broadcasts, to begin in October, in cooperation with the University of Chicago and the National Broadcasting Company.

Membership Awards — The Membership Banner for the largest percentage of gain in membership was presented to West Virginia, which had a membership gain of 64.6%. Other states receiving honorable mention for making a gain of 30% or more were:

Alabama	53.7%	Wyoming	38.9%
Idaho	46.4%	Arkansas	31.0%
Maine	44.2%	Arizona	30.8%

The Life Membership Cup Award was awarded to Ohio and Washington, who tied for first place.

State Bylaws — Mrs. O. T. Bright, 5643 South Dorchester Avenue, Chicago, has been appointed National Chairman of the Special Committee on State Bylaws. Her summer address is Whitefield, New Hampshire. All bylaws for the state should be referred to her.

Congress Codes — Following a study of all standing rules adopted by the National Board in the past 10 years, a reclassification of essential rules into a series of Codes for the National Congress, on such subjects as Committees, National Office, Extension, and others, was prepared, and adopted.

Consumers' Board — The National President was authorized to appoint someone to cooperate with the Consumers' Board of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, which has for its purpose the tying together of the interests of industry, producer, and consumer, if and when it seems wise to do so.

Cooperating Agencies — The following organizations were added to the list of Cooperating Agencies (formerly called Service Agencies):

American Association for Adult Education
National League of Women Voters
Progressive Education Association
National Association of Deans of Women

Fortieth Anniversary — To plan for observance in 1937 of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the N.C.P.T., the following committee was appointed: Mrs. W. J. Hayes, Mrs. Haven Sawyer, Mrs. Fred Raymond.

Members-at-Large of the Executive Committee were elected as follows: Mrs. A. H. Reeve, Mr. J. W. Faust, and Dr. William McKinley Robinson.

National Committees — It was voted that the work of the committees on Physical Education and Kindergarten Extension should be absorbed by other committees, and these chairmanships were abolished along with Thrift and Citizenship. (The discontinuance of these two committees was voted upon at the September 1933 meeting of the Board, effective at the close of the 1934 Convention.) The five department directors were instructed to study the activities, plans, and projects of the discontinued committees, preparatory to reassigning their work to the proper existing committees. Chairmen to whom their work is assigned will be instructed to incorporate definitely these new items in their committee plans and materials.

The committee on *International Relations* was transferred from the Department of Education to the Department of Home Service.

Board Messages — A telegram was sent by the Board to Mrs. Bradford's family on Mother's Day, expressing the appreciation of the National Congress for "sharing Mrs. Bradford with the Congress for the past four years." Greetings were sent by the National Board to Mrs. David O. Mears, Founders Day Chairman, who was unable to attend the Convention, and also to Mrs. Fanny J. Bailey, of New York State, 102 years old, who attended the first meeting of the Congress in 1897, and who is still taking an active part in parent-teacher work.

Memorial Services — A memorial service in honor of Mrs. B. I. Elliott, National Treasurer, who died April 17, was held at the General Session on Monday evening, May 14. (Single copies of the tribute by Mrs. Bradford may be obtained from the National Office. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelop with the request.)

At the last general session, Mrs. Bradford paid a tribute to the memory of two workers—Mrs. William T. Carter, Honorary Vicepresident of the National Congress, who passed away recently, and Mrs. H. V. Wilson, Field Secretary, Washington Congress, who was fatally injured in an automobile accident last February.

Field Service — To meet the growing demand for national field service, it was voted to make the services of Mrs. Arthur C. Watkins, Education Secretary, and Miss Frances S. Hays, Information Secretary, available to the states for field work for six months of the year, the other six months to be devoted to their duties in the National Office.